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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION UNDER 35 CFR 1.153(b)

This is a request for filing a **continuation** under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application No. 09/985,322 filed November 2, 2001.

Inventor(s): Mamoru Nakasuij, et al. (as indicated in the Declaration accompanied this transmittal)
The following is enclosed or is applicable:

- Specification - 166 pages, Claims 16 pages, Abstract - 1 page.
- Drawings - 58 sheets of drawings.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney (of parent application Serial No. 09/985,322).
- An assignment filed January 27, 2004 with parent application No. 09/985,322).

Please publish the assignee data with the application.

- Preliminary Amendment.
- Claim for Priority under 35 USC 119 based on Japanese Applications:
No. 2000-378040, filed December 12, 2000
No. 2000-388385, filed December 21, 2000
No. 2001-003666, filed January 11, 2001
No. 2001-005128, filed January 12, 2001
No. 2001-017901, filed January 26, 2001
No. 2001-021183, filed January 30, 2001
No. 2001-023804, filed January 31, 2001
No. 2001-026580, filed February 2, 2001
No. 2001-031901, filed February 8, 2001
No. 2001-031906, filed February 8, 2001
No. 2001-033599, filed February 9, 2001
No. 2001-044964, filed February 21, 2001
No. 2001-052095, filed February 27, 2001
No. 2001-073380, filed March 15, 2001
No. 2001-131238, filed April 27, 2001
No. 2001-158571, filed May 28, 2001

- Information Disclosure Statement.

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TOTAL				\$982.00

- Our check in the amount of **\$982.00** for patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 is enclosed. (\$770.00 for basic filing fee)
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.50-2866. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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Enclosures: Spec.; Clms.; Abstr.; Decl.; Assign.; Draws. (58 sheets); Pre-Amend.; IDS.